

Language: Hebrew

From Scratch to the Bible. The course is a 10 ECTS crash course in Biblical Hebrew. You will be trained in basic Hebrew grammar, enough to make you able to read biblical texts such as Genesis and the Book of Psalms.

The course is taught as e-learning, including one two-hour weekly video conference call via Zoom. It will be taught in the 'flipped classroom' style, meaning that you will watch online video lectures as part of your preparation for class. This means that we will not have to use time on lectures in class, giving students more time to having their queries cleared up. The lectures and textbook are found here: <http://ehrensvard.dk/?Hebrew>. Alternatively, you can find the videos on this playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQF_QRC5FPNgx3fyK4kEINXCKbQdote5q

Weekly conference call

We will meet on Zoom video conference on Wednesdays 13:15-14:45 CET (you will receive a link by email immediately prior to every class; Zoom is very easy to install and you can use it on your smart phone or computer). Students present in Copenhagen are welcome to come to my office for the classes. I will record the classes and share links with you.

Reading for the first class

For the first class, please read the Wikipedia entry on biblical Hebrew: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biblical_Hebrew. Then watch the first three videos and complete exercise 1. Please also read exercise 1 aloud to yourself or your study partners three times, so as to practice reading Hebrew.

Time period

Teaching: Week 6-17, thus the first class will be 10 February and the last class will be on 28 April. There will be a break for Easter, so there will be no classes on 31 March. Please note further that I will be on holiday in week 12, but I will try to teach via Zoom on 24 March anyway.

Syllabus

Genesis 1-4; Psalm 24.

Exam

For the exam you will be asked to translate and linguistically comment upon a text from the syllabus. The text will be a few verses long. You will receive the text on May 4 at noon and should hand in your paper in our digital exam system before May 5 at noon.

Literature:

TEXT BOOK

'Biblical Hebrew' (this is an unpublished work and it is found here <http://bit.ly/1RJ85TC>);

GRAMMAR

Thomas Lambdin, An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew;

BIBLE

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia or <http://biblehub.com/text/deuteronomy/5-1.htm> etc.

VIDEO LECTURES are found on this page: <http://ehrensvard.dk/?Hebrew>, or here:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQF_QRC5FPNgx3fyK4kEINXCKbQdote5q

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